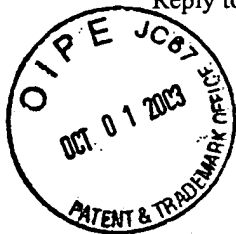


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action of June 27, 2003,
please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are not present.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.